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SUBJECT: FINNISH INITIATIVE FOR LONG TERM FINANCING
OF EXCHANGES

REF: STATE 54094; HELSINKI 541

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS TOLD INFORMALLY TODAY THAT THE
FINNISH EXCHANGES FINANCING PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY
THE GOF CABINET FINANCIAL COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT.
PRESIDENT KEKKONEN HAD GIVEN THE PROJECT HIS APPROVAL
EARLIER. ONLY FINNISH ACTION REMAINING IS PARLIA-
MENTARY APPROVAL, WHICH MFA ASSUMES WILL BE AUTOMATIC,
AND A NOTE TO US WHICH THE MFA ACTION OFFICER TODAY
SAID WILL BE FORTHCOMING NEXT WEEK.

2. WE DOUBT GOF REPLY WILL CONTAIN SPECIFIC TEXTS
FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND REQUEST THAT DEPT BE
PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE DRAFTING OF NOTES ON URGENT
BASIS. EMB IS MEANTIME POUCHING FOR DEPT'S
GUIDANCE INFORMATION ON REQUIREMENTS OF FINNISH
LAW FOR ESTABLISHING TRUST FUND. WE REQUEST
DEPT PREPARE NOW FOR EARLY CONGRESSIONAL CON-
SULTATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS NEEDED TO BRING
US-FINNISH AGREEMENT INTO BEING AT EARLY DATE.

3. WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THIS PROMISING ACTION
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AND BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO ADDRESS OURSELVES TO

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT TO
PUBLIC. AS PROPOSED IN HELSINKI 177, EMBASSY
BELIEVES OCCASION OF EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE
PHASE III SUMMIT IN HELSINKI WOULD BE IDEAL
FORUM FOR PRESIDENTS FORD AND KEKKONEN TO STEP
ASIDE FOR A LITTLE TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PERPETUALIZATION OF ASLA-FULBRIGHT AMERICAN-FINNISH
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

4. AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, IN EVENT CSCE IS
DELAYED TO FALL, EMBASSY SUGGESTS ANNOUNCEMENT
JOINTLY WITH FINNS ON OCCASION PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S
SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 3. FORMER US
SENATOR, J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, WHO HAS TOLD
ME HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO COME TO FINLAND IN
FALL, WOULD BE SUITABLE AMERICAN PARTICIPANT
IN ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY PROVIDING DEPT CAN ASSIST
WITH TRAVEL COSTS.
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